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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

God, Our Creator, we begin today's informal legislative session with a moment of personal reflection and a prayer for guidance as we take up the legislative matters of this day. We believe that we can trust in You, Your ways and in Your always-available assistance in addressing the matters before us. We also pray that our hearts and minds be filled with peace, joy, enthusiasm and goodwill towards all. May we also have trust and confidence in You and in each other as we work together in a cooperative spirit in serving the needs of people, our constituents and our diverse communities. When we disagree on issues, principles or values, let our differing opinions remain on a high intellectual, not on a personal, level. Inspire us to remain faithful to our own ideals, human and spiritual values and on our own basic philosophical principles.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Statement of Ms. Richardson of Framingham.

A statement of Ms. Richardson of Framingham was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that as result of my absence from the State House on June 18, 2009 due to a long standing family obligation, I was unable to record votes on roll calls held during that day's sitting of the House. Had I been present I would have voted in the affirmative on roll numbered 151.

Statement concerning Representative Richardson of Framingham.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Costello of Newburyport) congratulating the River Valley Charter School on the occasion of its tenth anniversary;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Creedon of Brockton) congratulating Justin

River Valley Charter School.

Justin

Frederick Clark.

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Frederick Clark of Easton upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout;

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Creedon of Brockton) congratulating Douglas Allen Young of Brockton upon his elevation to the rank of Eagle Scout:

Douglas Allen Young.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Milford) congratulating Andrew Frongillo on earning the Eagle Scout Award; and

Andrew Frongillo.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Milford) congratulating Naman Shah on earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Naman Shah.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the Rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

A report from the committee on Public Service, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1038) of Harriette L. Chandler, John W. Scibak, Patricia D. Jehlen, Susan C. Tucker and other members of the General Court for legislation to include dental benefits in all commonwealth care plans, and recommending that same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing, – accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Commonwealth care,— dental benefits.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows;

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2090) of Stephen M. Brewer and Lewis G. Evangelidis (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Hubbardston to send certain information to the voters of said town. To the committee on Election Laws.

Hubbardston,—voter information.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2091) of Michael W. Morrissey, Bruce J Ayers, Ronald Mariano and A. Stephen Tobin (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to establish neighborhood speed reduction zones. To the committee on Transportation.

Quincy,— speed zones.

Engrossed bill.

The engrossed Bill relative to employees of the town of Westborough (see House, No. 3796) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Recess.

At thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair) the House recessed until four o'clock P.M.; and at a quarter after four o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Recess.

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Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to GPS monitoring during pretrial. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Pretrials,— GPS monitoring.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,— *Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At seventeen minutes after four o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.